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THE STRANGER AND THE PRINCESS

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CHAPTER XIII.

THE STRANGER AND THE PRINCESS

CASPARIN was taken to a dungeon in the castle and the next day stripped of all he possessed and sent, a wanderer, out of his own country. The brand was on him, and no man lent him assistance. He ended his days in a gambling hell in Paris.

Vandal, Reber and Robello were turned over to the French authorities, who by that time had found reason to want them themselves.

Mme. du Barry had made a confession.

Vandal was executed for the murder of M. de Bullion and Monroe, and the other two scoundrels will scarcely live out the long term of imprisonment to which they were sentenced.

Two days after the arrest of Casparin a pretty group sat in the private apartment of Princess Margaret. There were present, besides the wife of the reigning prince, the Princess Marie Alexia and pretty Adria, the daughter of Volner, the farmer.

"It is all so strange and inexplicable, my dear Adria," said Princess Marie. "That you were faithful in your love for us we had no doubt, but that you, in the seclusion of your farm, should know of a plot that was started against us in Paris is almost beyond belief. How was it? You have spoken, so the prince has told us, of a stranger."

"Ah, yes," said Adria, "an American! He is very brave, your highnesses, and fought for you with his very life, and it was he that told my father of the plot."

"An American!" exclaimed Princess Margaret. "My countryman?"

"Yes, even so, a young man about the age of Bosso, tall, handsome and brave, but having nothing. At least so he told my father."

"This brave fellow shall be properly cared for and rewarded," said Princess Margaret. "We ought to visit him. The prince tells me you have nursed him to life after a serious accident."

Adria looked out through a large window and studied the trees of the splendid park. A smile, mingled with a look of anxiety, showed on her face.

"I have nursed him, your highness," she said. "But he is very weak and needs care. I do not know what to do—what to tell Bosso. He is so imperative."

"Well, I declare!" exclaimed Princess Marie, with a laugh. "You get from the subject of this American to Bosso very readily. Has that imperative captain commanded you to cease your attentions to the American?"

"No; oh, no! Bosso is not jealous. But he—as your highnesses, I promised him before he went to Paris in your train that as soon as he returned I would become his wife. It seems now that the prince has given him an estate some distance from here, and he is eager to have our wedding and go there for our honeymoon."

"Well, that is romantic and just as it should be," said Princess Margaret. "Nothing could be prettier. If you promised Duvally, you must keep your promise."

Adria blushed and stammered.

"That—that is what I want to do," she said. "But who will take care of the American?"

"We will see to it," said Princess Margaret, "that your place is filled. We cannot, of course, hope to give this American so sweet a nurse as you, but we will do the best we can."

"Yes," murmured Princess Marie. "Two days have already elapsed. We are ungrateful."

Adria went home to prepare for her wedding with Duvally. And that same evening there was another conversation in the apartment of Princess Margaret.

"I am so anxious about this matter," Margaret herself was saying. "Charles has been to visit our brave American and says he is very handsome. He needs considerable care. I do not like this mad project. It does, I admit show no more than the gratitude we should feel. But there are possible complications which might injure"

A peal of laughter interrupted her.

"And do you think, then," asked Princess Marie, "that I am such a madcap as to bring reproach upon our name? Can I not be trusted in the house of our most faithful friends, Volner and his wife? What terrible fate are you predicting?"

"No fate more terrible than an unhappy attachment. These things"—

"These fiddlesticks!" laughed Marie. "Who is there to send, then? No one we can trust. I shall go."

"Well, you always have your way, and Charles will uphold you if you declare your intention of visiting the moon. Go if you will, but let me make the first visit with you."

"No!" cried Marie. "You, with your straightforward American, will spoil the whole thing. Let me go alone. You must come, if you come at all, as our princess. Upon me no such obligation rests. I am Adria's cousin, a very experienced nurse."

Princess Margaret shook her head, having had presages of evil. But Marie laughed and danced away.

Adria found time to care for Buckford even while her gowns were being made. Wallace did not improve as rapidly as had been expected. He [illegible] a good deal at being a burden upon his host. But Volner silenced that. Prince Charles came often and one day brought his wife, who graciously thanked Wallace and begged that as soon as he was able he would become their guest at the castle.

But, alas, it would be some time before he could do that.

Then one day Adria, blushing and stammering, seeming to have almost lost control of her tongue, entered his room, leading a girl about her own age, clad in plain but most becoming garments and wearing a small Parisian cap which might easily be a nurse's cap.

"M. Wallace," said Adria, "I am sorry to tell you that I must leave you for a time. Tomorrow is my wedding day. The prince and princesses have graciously requested that the ceremony be performed at the castle."

Wallace smiled and held out his hand.

"I am glad," he said. "I, of course, shall lose a tender and faithful nurse, but I must not be selfish. Duvally deserves his bride."

"And you will not feel the loss," said Adria, with an effort to be serene, "This is [illegible] cousin, Elsa [illegible] experienced nurse from Paris. [illegible] absence she will do what [illegible] more."

Wallace looked up into [illegible] face of the nurse. [illegible] thought it a severe [illegible] face.

"I have heard your story, M. Wallace," she said in a low, [illegible] voice. "The people at the castle have reason to be very grateful to you. They have visited you, of course?"

"I did nothing that any one else might not have done," said Wallace. "Yes, they have been here to [illegible] and are very kind—that is, the prince and his American princess have been. The one I wished most to see has not been."

"Some one you knew?" asked the new nurse sympathetically.

"No, oh, no," blundered Wallace, "but one I have wished to see—the Princess Marie."

"Ah! She is an ungrateful girl, thinking only of her own pleasures," said the nurse.

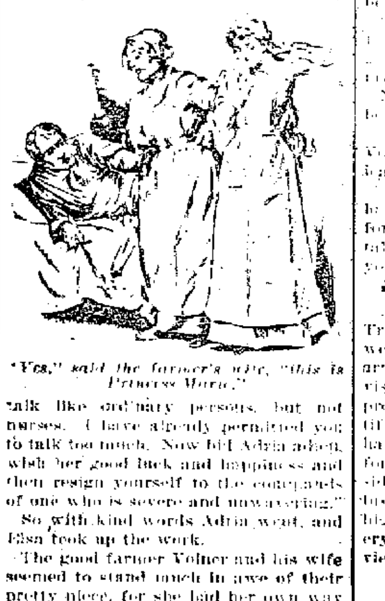
"No, I cannot believe that," said Wallace. "I saw her picture once. She was beautiful."

"And you wanted to hear words of gratitude from her own lips?" asked Elsa.

"No, not that. I don't like to hear words of gratitude. I just wanted to see her and talk with her as with any ordinary person."

Elsa smiled.

"You may yet have that pleasure," she said. "Princesses are at liberty to talk like ordinary persons, but not nurses. I have already permitted you to talk too much. Now bid Adria adieu, wish her good luck and happiness and then resign yourself to the commands of one who is severe and unwavering."



"Yes," said the farmer's wife, "this is Princess Marie."

So with kind words Adria went, and Elsa took up the work.

The good farmer Volner and his wife seemed to stand much in awe of their pretty niece, for she had her own way in the house.

From the capacious kitchen came wonderful dainties and appetizing dishes made by the new nurse. The water from the spring [illegible] tasted sweeter if handed by her in the thin little drinking glass. Her step was light as air, her voice soft and sweet, her touch gentle and soothing.

"What a nurse!" thought Wallace a hundred times a day. "I thought Adria was perfect, but this one is beyond even worldly perfection."

But sometimes a peculiar feeling came over him that he had seen that face before. It appealed to him somehow in a way that a face totally unknown could not. The nurse always wore her cap, which held captive and out of sight her wealth of [illegible] hair.

And Wallace grew stronger gradually and thought more and more of his nurse. One day she brought him a tender fowl she had broiled with her own hands. She poured his wine for him and set it down on the table Volner had made.

As Wallace reached out to take the wine his hand touched hers. For a moment he pressed the dainty fingers. Elsa blushed, but she did not withdraw her hand.

"Ah," said Wallace, with some bitterness, "it is hard to be without power or money! Elsa, you have been too kind. You have given me a wound from which no nursing will enable me to recover. Yet I am poor and would not ask you to share my miserable condition. In happier days may I hope that some of the love I feel for you will be reciprocated?"

A vivid blush overspread her face. She was about to reply when the wife of Volner entered. Elsa, in her confusion, turned away and put her hands to her cap, as if to arrange it. But she touched it with too heavy a hand. It fell to the floor, and a mass of beautiful brown hair fell in lovely profusion to her waist. It made a great change in her appearance. Wallace, unmindful of the presence of Volner's wife, stared, thought and started in embarrassed astonishment to a sitting posture.

"Ah, ah! Am I dreaming?" he gasped. "You bring to my mind the face, the picture, of Princess Marie!"

"Yes," said the farmer's wife, with some energy. "It is time this farce was played out. I know everybody means well, but there are limits. This is Princess Marie."

"Oh, forgive me!" cried poor Wallace. "I would not have [illegible] known [illegible]

[illegible] spoiled [illegible] ungrateful [illegible]

"No, I did [illegible]" said Wallace. "[illegible] the castle. [illegible] my pretty [illegible]"

"And not the [illegible]

"Ah, no! [illegible]

Tears gathered [illegible]. Royalty sat lightly [illegible], yet she [illegible] privileges.

"For one [illegible] simple nurse, you spoke words of honest love. You have withdrawn [illegible] since you discovered my identity. But it was not because [illegible] to love [illegible]. It was [illegible], as the princess, [illegible] thought I could not accept the love that a nurse might accept."

"Yes, yes," said the half maddened Wallace. "I could never cease loving you, though a thousand miles kept us apart."

"Then do not take back the words," she said. "I have been courted by [illegible] of power, soldiers and diplomats. Not for myself, but because I was Princess Marie of Desesdia. It is sweet, oh, how sweet, to be loved for love alone. And do you think I have learned nothing in a day? We have been together. I have learned the same lesson of love. Now you are my patient and my prisoner. I shall write to Charles tonight."

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The letter which Marie wrote to the castle did not surprise her brother in the least. He had feared some such result of the madcap scheme of his sister by which she wished to show her gratitude toward the brave American. He had taken time by the forelock and had cabled long inquiries to his representative in America. In reply he received a short cable message and a letter following. So it happened that Prince Charles, two days after he got the note from Marie, walked into Volner's house carrying a large official looking envelope.

"I have come to offer my congratulations," he said, "not to one, but both. This affair promised something like this, and I took the liberty to inquire as to the standing of M. Wallace. In reply I get word that he is in every sense a gentleman. Not only that, but he has been searched for all over the earth except in Desesdia. It seems his uncle has died, leaving him heir to a vast [illegible] fortune. Marie, your [illegible] has been providential in its fortunate [illegible]. God bless both of you [illegible] you may have your home. If [illegible] the palace [illegible] park shall be [illegible] only condition [illegible] that at least five [illegible] year you live at Trollo."

[illegible] Buckford's hand, kissed Marie [illegible].

"[illegible] my love, my love," [illegible] Wallace. "How can I"—

"[illegible] You are no longer poor. It is [illegible]. You are now the [illegible]. Shall I have back [illegible]?"

[illegible] was needed. He held out both [illegible] and she took them.

"Did you [illegible]," said Volner's wife to Volner a few hours later, "that American is getting well very fast now."

"So would I," grunted Volner, "if I had a sweet wife and fortune waiting for me. Let them alone. They can take care of themselves. It makes me young again."

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A few months later the castle at Trollo was ablaze with lights. A grand wedding took place. Officers of the army, members of the diplomatic corps, visiting naval commanders, all were present. And the bride was the beautiful Princess Marie and the groom the handsome American. He wore no uniform, but seemed soberly dressed beside the brilliant officers. But on his breast he wore a brilliant cross, the highest decoration in Desesdia, and every man within the palace gates envied him his fortune and his bride.

THE END.

Not In Order.

In a certain Lanarkshire village a meeting was called to consider the advisability of erecting a bridge over a creek which had been heretofore crossed by means of stepping stones.

The schoolmaster, who presided over the meeting, warmly advocated the erection of a bridge in an eloquent speech, when a local worthy, who was something of a character and noted for his outspokenness, got up and interrupted:

"Hoot, toot, schulemaister, you're fair haverin', man! Wha wad gang an' pit a brig ower sic a wee bit creek [illegible]? Losh, mon, I cud cross it wi' a stannin' lowp!"

"Order, order!" exclaimed the chairman angrily. "You are clearly out of order."

"I ken I'm not o' order," rejoined the interrupter amid the laughter of the audience. "If I was in order, I cud jump as far again!"—London Answers.

Very Tired.

It has remained for a little girl to nearly, if not quite, equal a famous witticism of Leigh Hunt. Of course she spoke in childish innocence, where the English essayist and wit used his ripened intellect.

Hunt, in describing an exceedingly warm day, it will be remembered, spoke of it as one which tempted him to strip off his flesh and sit in his bones.

The little girl had been romping and running all day. Toward nightfall her father met her. "Are you not very tired, little one?" he asked.

"Oh, not so very tired, papa," she replied. Then in a burst of confidence she whispered, "Only I do feel as though I'd like to take my legs off and carry them awhile."

A Long Sleep.

Dr. Soca, an English physician, reported the case of a young girl of seventeen taken with syncope after a cold "fall" who slept for seven months in the hospital to which she was admitted. When she was aroused from sleep, she responded drowsily to questions put and fell asleep again. At the end of seven months she died of pneumonia, having slept herself out of life. Sometimes she was fed in her sleep and at other times while they kept her awake.

Dog and Wolf.

There has been some dispute as to the descent of the dog, whether it is [illegible]

Why He Escaped.

[illegible] "What did you do with it?" [illegible]

Her Assumed Name.

He: Yes, she is [illegible]

No man can build character by trying to raze that of others.—Nashville Banner.

ANNIE'S BIRTHDAY GIFT

A Story of Blackmail and Its Results.

The village clock was striking the hour of 5 one afternoon as Annie Grellam stepped out of her trim and comfortable cottage to meet her husband at the gate.

She made a pleasant picture for the eye to rest upon. Her year of married life had been a very happy one, and never did maiden look more eagerly for her lover than did she for her husband's return from the distant city, whither he had gone a week ago on business for his employers.

Among the few ornaments she wore was a beautifully chased gold bracelet which encircled her left wrist. As her eye caught its gleam a peaceful smile lit up her sweet face, for it was her husband's gift to her on her last birthday.

She stood at the gate and looked down the road in the direction of the small mining village through which her husband must pass on his way from the station. A man's form came into view on the quiet road, but a single glance sufficed to show her that it was not the familiar figure she looked for. She scarcely observed the man further, her eyes traveling beyond him to scan the road, till he halted almost at her side.

"Can't you spare a copper for a poor fellow who has walked all the way from"— he began, with the usual plea and whine of the professional tramp, but stopped abruptly and gave vent to a low whistle.

"So it's you!" he exclaimed sneeringly, recovering from his surprise. "Aren't you glad to see an old pal?"

She looked at him for a moment, then drew back in fear.

"I suppose you've got too high and mighty for the likes of me," he continued, observing her action. "I heard you had got spliced to the gaffer of a mine somewhere about this quarter, but had no idea of such a slice of luck as this happy meeting with you. So this is where you hang out, eh? It does look rather comfortable inside."

He drew nearer the gate and made as if to enter.

"No, no, you cannot come in," she cried in alarm. "See, here is some money. Take it and go away."

He examined the contents of the purse which she handed to him. They amounted to only half a dollar, and he was dissatisfied.

"I'm as dry as a dusty road in June, and this will hardly wet my throat. Let's see that bauble on your wrist. It should be worth something," he said, looking greedily at the bracelet.

"No, indeed, I will not. I have already given you more than enough, so please go."

"Not if I know a thing or two," he said, with a cunning leer. "Did you tell your adorable husband that you got the swop from Watson's for nabbing a trinket like that? No, I guess not."

"You know how false that charge was," she cried indignantly, but with fear in her eyes at the mention of her husband.

"Oh, of course you say so, but who would believe you?" he returned. "Hand over that bit of jewelry, and mum's the word!"

"It's my husband's gift to me," she pleaded, "and I cannot part with it. I will give you its value in money, but do not ask this."

She turned to enter the house for the money, but he was too quick for her.

"Not so fast, my pretty. 'A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush' any day. I can make as good terms with your husband, so it must be that gilt thing or nothing."

She eagerly scanned the road again. Yonder at last was the well known stalwart figure of her husband. Should she tell him all and trust to his believing in her innocence? What if he should believe this man's story?

These thoughts passed quickly through her mind. The risk of losing his love and respect seemed too great to face. She slipped the bracelet from her wrist and handed it to the man.

"There, take it and go quickly," she said, with white, drawn face.

He snatched it from her and walked away, humming a lively air and looking the virtuous man he claimed to be as he passed her husband a short distance from the gate.

John Grellam greeted his young wife affectionately, and together they entered the house. He observed her pallor for the first time as she turned up the light of the dining room lamp.

"What's the matter, Annie?" he inquired anxiously. "You look as if you had got a fright. Have you been moping in my absence? I meant to be back a couple of days sooner, but I could not get my business finished in time."

"It is nothing, John. I did weary for your coming, and I am glad to see you home again," she said, with an effort to keep the tremor out of her voice.

"I have news for you, dear," he said when they were seated at the tea table. "I met some of my people in the city and was invited home. As they appeared to be holding out the olive branch of peace of course I went, and the upshot was that matters were smoothed over. They have most graciously condescended to forgive us for marrying, and my mother and sisters are coming on the 28th to spend a few days with us.

"See what I have brought you from the city. I remembered that the 28th is your birthday and thought you would like this. You might wear it when they come, along with the one I gave you last year. I want you to be at your best before my people."

As he spoke he drew a small parcel from his pocket and unfolded it, revealing a bracelet of exquisite design upon a bed of velvet. He handed the gift to her with a tender smile.

"I am not worthy of this, John," she said tearfully, while a mist rose before her eyes. She was already paying dearly for her error in her transaction with the tramp.

"Nonsense, my dear. Bring out the other one and let me see how they look together."

"Not tonight, John. Please don't ask me," she said so earnestly that he looked up in surprise.

"I'm afraid you are not yourself tonight, Annie. You do look rather ghostlike. But don't trouble about the bracelets, as I can see them both on the 28th."

When the guests arrived, it struck him that his wife had never appeared to greater disadvantage. She looked pale and anxious and seemed to avoid meeting his eyes. He was annoyed to see the proud lips of his mother and sisters curl at his wife's awkwardness, and he felt that she had not done her self justice. Once he whispered:

"You are not wearing both bracelets tonight?"

"No," she answered in a low voice and with averted eyes. He turned away, with a look of disappointment.

When the visitors retired for the night, he took both her hands in his.

"There is something wrong, Annie. What is it?"

Could she tell him, or must she go on deceiving him and enduring the misery of the past few days? He was a man who was upright in all his actions and hated deceit in any form. Yet she would only be doing him a further injustice by concealing the truth. In a low voice she began and recounted the whole story. When she had finished, he remained silent. She lifted her tear stained face to him.

"You do not believe me, and therefore you cannot forgive me?" she asked wistfully.

"I both believe and forgive you," he said gently. "But what you have told me is not quite new to me. I knew about the charge against you when I asked you to marry me, but I believed in you. And within the last twenty-four hours I have heard the rest of the story. Do you recognize this?"

She was astonished to see him hold up the bracelet which she had parted with so unwillingly to the tramp.

"Your friend the tramp got the worse of drink with the money you gave him and was locked up at the police station," he resumed. "This was found in his possession, and he could give no proper account of it. Lieutenant Stirling happened to mention the matter to me. I had my own reasons for being interested, and, along with Stirling, I interviewed the man. I knew him at once to be the man who was the Watsons' groom when you were with them. We wormed the matter out of him, and now it appears that it was one of the servants whom he was courting at the time who was the real thief."

"Then I am cleared at last?" she cried joyfully.

"Yes, I could have told you all this a few hours ago, but I wanted you to learn to trust your husband more fully. I am glad that you have told me everything frankly. Now let us forget the past."

"The best birthday gift you have given me is your forgiveness," she said gratefully.—Penny Pictorial Magazine.

A Kindred Soul.

They had just been introduced, and, as she looked into his thoughtful blue eyes, the young girl felt that she had at last met a man of high ideals.

"Are you interested in the elevation of the masses, Mr. McSmudge?" she asked, after she had worked up to the subject by easy conversational stages.

"Intensely, Miss Gushington," he answered. "I have dedicated my life to this great work. I am just now interesting myself in circulating a pamphlet on the subject, which I shall be pleased to send you."

"How lovely!" she murmured. She knew that she had at last found a kindred soul.

But this world is full of bitter disappointments, and it was a hard jolt to Ethel Gushington's finer sensibilities when a few days later she received, with the compliments of John Wesley McSmudge, a catalogue of passenger elevators for which he was agent.—Salt Lake Herald.

Silk In England.

King James I. was very anxious to naturalize the silkworm in England and to establish a native manufacture of the product. To this end a great many mulberry trees were imported from North America, and a fine plantation of them was made near St. James' palace on ground where Buckingham palace now stands. This plantation was known as the Mulberry Gardens and became a kind of recreation ground. Both Evelyn and Pepys record their visits here, and Dryden is said to have brought a lady friend here to enjoy the "mulberry tarts." Close by were the necessary houses and appliances for rearing the silkworms and the manufacture of the silk. But the king's experiment failed.

A Case of Expiration Anyway.

Some years ago a battery of artillery was at big gun practice at Bermuda. One of the guns—a thirty-eight ton—was found to have a serious flaw. The officer in charge, not caring to risk half a dozen valuable lives, inquired:

"Sergeant, have you any time expired men here?"

"Yes, sir," answered the sergeant. "Paddy Jackson has just completed his time."

"Well, then," replied the thoughtful officer, "Paddy Jackson will fire the gun."

And Paddy Jackson did fire the gun, happily with no fatal result.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Members of Congress and Mourning.

"Fifty years ago members of congress and of the senate would have been compelled by public opinion to wear crape on their arms for thirty days after the death of a president," remarked an ex-member who had served before the civil war.

"Up to about 1850 whenever a member of congress died the resolution of sympathy with his family invariably carried with it a provision that members should wear mourning. Deaths of members were of course less frequent, for the congressional body was numerically smaller. Indeed, the increase of the membership, which led naturally to a higher death rate, was the direct cause of abolishing the custom.

"A number of members of congress now die every year, and it was not thought advisable to keep members of the house and senate in practically perpetual mourning."

Rice and Rice.

To most people rice is rice, but, notwithstanding this, there is a considerable difference between the Chinese or Japanese and the American article. The former is darker in color and in no way compares with the latter in flavor or quality. Of the American, however, there are a number of grades, of which that grown in the Carolinas is considered the best. When purchasing, see that the grains are large, plump and unbroken. In washing be careful not to break them between the hands.

A Use For the Hyphen.

A teacher had just given a lesson on the hyphen, and thinking that his class understood it now, he wrote the word "birds-nest" on the blackboard. "Now, boys, why do we have a hyphen between 'birds' and 'nest'?" asked the teacher.

Several hands went up, and the teacher pointed to a small boy who seemed very anxious to answer. "For the birds to roost on," was the reply.—London Tit Bits.

A Hard Problem.

First Scientist—This is a puzzling case indeed.

Second Scientist—I should say so. Why, this would puzzle an amateur scientist.—Baltimore American.

Patience is the key of content.—Mohammed.

DISAPPEARING WRITING.

The Way a Big Swindle Was Successfully Worked In Paris.

A number of Parisian financiers were recently defrauded of a very considerable sum of money by a swindler who relied for the success of his scheme entirely upon the peculiar properties of iodide of starch. Posing as a man of considerable wealth, whose money was tied up in such a manner that he could not realize without heavy losses and pretending to have the option of some valuable concessions in China, he obtained various large amounts of money in exchange for bills dated to stand for three months.

No one for a moment suspected that there was anything in the least degree shady about the man or his transactions, and when he made it public that he had been successful in selling his Chinese concession at a large profit his creditors felt absolutely certain that he would meet his bills.

To their immense surprise, however, when they came to look through their papers to find the bills they only found bills with blank spaces in the places where the swindler's name should have been and had actually been. They clamored round him for an explanation of the strange affair, but he denied that he had ever given any of them bills and defied them to sue him for repayment of the loans, and the fact that the bills were devoid of the swindler's signature rendered them absolutely worthless.

The matter was put into the hands of the police, who were able to discover that in signing the bills the man had used a solution of iodide of starch, which, when first used for writing, appears much the same as ordinary ink, but completely disappears in the course of a few weeks, and, although traces of the chemical may subsequently be discovered, nothing can make the writing show up again. Finding that his victims had discovered his method, the schemer decamped, despite the fact that the chances of the police obtaining a conviction against him were very remote indeed.

WAVES OF WATER.

Slow rivers flow at the rate of three to seven miles an hour.

The amount of water flowing out of the Nile is sixteen times that of the Thames.

The English channel is nowhere more than 900 feet deep. The Irish sea is 2,130 feet deep.

The largest gulf in the world is the gulf of Mexico—800,000 square miles—almost twice as big as the bay of Bengal.

The Parana of Brazil and Argentina is 2,200 miles in length and after the Amazon is the largest river in South America.

The shallowest of all seas are the Baltic and the Adriatic, which average only forty-three and forty-five yards' depth respectively.

Askal Chin, in Tibet, is the lake which lies at a greater height than any other in the world. Its level is 16,600 feet. The lowest is the Dead sea—1,290 feet below sea level.

A Judicial Retort.

Sir William Meredith, chief justice of Ontario, Canada, was formerly a very prominent politician as well as a famous lawyer. He was especially noted for his success as prosecuting attorney, and few criminals escaped conviction when he addressed the jury.

During one of his political campaigns he was speaking at a meeting in the city of London, his native town. The audience was turbulent and he was frequently interrupted. Finally a voice from the gallery cut into one of his finer flights with a sarcastic "Oh, go and get your hair cut!"

Sir William, who wore his hair somewhat longer than is usual, was stopped by a burst of laughter. But as soon as he was able to make himself heard he turned the laugh and won the audience by this reply: "My friend, if I'm not mistaken, I've had your hair cut before this!"—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Fainting.

The direct cause of fainting is a diminished circulation of blood through the brain. To revive a person who has fainted it is necessary, therefore, to alter this condition as quickly as possible. In order to do this the individual should be laid quite flat, the head on a level with the body, so that the feebly acting heart will not have to propel the blood upward. The neck and chest should be exposed, fresh air admitted freely, water sprinkled on the face and stimulating vapors, such as ammonia, held at intervals to the nostrils. When there is difficulty in restoring animation, friction over the region of the heart with the hand or a rough cloth should be applied vigorously.

Exemplifying an Adage.

"Yes," said the old conductor, "I have followed the railroad about all my life. I wasn't exactly born on a train, but I was married on one at the rate of forty-five miles an hour."

"That was a good deal like marrying in haste."

"It was. And we got tired of each other while we were making the return trip on a freight train."

"That was a good deal like repenting at leisure."—Chicago Tribune.

Grow Handsome.

Would you like to be truly beautiful? Thoreau says: "We are all sculptors and painters, and our material is our own flesh and blood and bones. Any nobleness begins at once to refine a man's features and any meanness or sensuality to imbrute them." So there, now, you sour visaged, plain faced people, go along about your business and grow handsome.—National Magazine.

He Was Too Slow.

Magistrate—Your husband charges you with assault.

Madam—Yes, your honor. I asked him if he would always love me, and he was so slow in answering that I hit him with a mop. I'm only a woman, judge, and a woman's life without love is a mere blight.—Illustrated Bits.

Quite Realistic.

"This," said the eminent artist, "is my famous study of the 'Cows In the Clover.'"

"But where is the clover?" was asked, none appearing in the picture.

"Oh, the cows have eaten it, you know."—Baltimore American.

Jack and the Baby.

Eleanor—What was the baby crying about just now? Did he want the moon again?

Carolyn—No; Jack was trying to make him smile with the glove stretcher.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Esteem cannot be where there is no confidence, and there can be no confidence where there is no respect.—Giles

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SMETHPORT THURSDAY DEC. 26, 1901.

Announcements.

FOR SUPERVISOR.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. S. G. SOUTHWICK.
East Smethport, Dec. 7, 1901.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for supervisor of Keating township subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. JAMES BRAY.
Farmers Valley.

FOR CONSTABLE.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for constable of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. BERGA STICKLES.
East Smethport, Dec. 10, 1901.

HISTORIAN MACLAY has been asked by Secretary Long to resign from his position as storekeeper at the Brooklyn navy yard. Mr. Maclay refused to resign and defied the President to remove him. The President removed him, however.

SENATOR PENROSE's bill for the prevention of anarchy in this country by preventing anarchists from emigrating here might fairly be entitled "A Bill Striking at the Root of the Evil." If we don't let them come in we won't have to put them out.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

SOME of the newspapers of this State that have taken the Fusion end of politics for the past few years are asking for harmony in the Republican party. We don't see why they should ask for harmony when it is in their power to bring about this harmony. When they will be satisfied to let the majority rule harmony will be established.

MARCONI'S success in wireless telegraphy across the Atlantic is a marvel of scientific achievement, if true. Large advertisements in metropolitan papers, offering blocks of wireless telegraph company's stock for sale, however, makes the enthusiastic work of Marconi's press agent look like capital for financing the big experiment.—Bradford Star.

JAMES BRAY announces his candidacy for supervisor of Keating township in this issue. Mr. Bray has served as school director and other offices in his district in a most satisfactory manner and should he be elected to this office we are positive he would make a good official. He is a good business man and understands the duties of this office perfectly. He will receive a big vote as he has many friends in the township.

THE need of a large room for the postoffice is becoming more apparent every day. Every evening there is a crowd in the present postoffice which is very annoying, especially to the gentler sex. The present location is all right but there should be some provision for more room. This possibly might be arranged by putting in two doors—one for entrance and another for exit—if the inner working space could be crowded enough to allow the patrons to travel in a circle.

WHILE casting about for Republican Congressional material the name of W. J. Milliken of Bradford should not be overlooked. No intimation has been received that he desires or would accept the office, but many of his friends in this section consider him the ideal candidate. Possessed of a brilliant mind, a splendid education and endowed with a magnificent gift of oratory, no more thoroughly capable gentleman can be found within the confines of this Congressional district.

THE Punxsutawney Spirit has observed that, "since the death of President McKinley by the hands of an assassin whose nerve was steeled to the diabolical deed by the doctrines of anarchy, those New York and Philadelphia newspapers which made speciality of brutal attacks on public men, have abated their rage. They are no longer as savage. Their cartoons are less barbarous and their editorial utterances more temperate and just. May the reform so auspiciously begun continue until the press is purged of everything that is rabid, malicious or unfair."

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 1901.

Although the statement comes neither from the President nor from Secretary Gage that there will be a new Secretary of the Treasury in the immediate future is virtually an assured fact. There have been numerous rumors to this effect ever since Mr. Roosevelt became President, but the information now comes from sources so close to the White House that there is no room for doubt as to its authority. Mr. Gage himself has heretofore emphatically denied that he had any intention of resigning, but when seen yesterday he merely refused to deny or affirm the rumor and it is known that the President has spoken to several of the party leaders of the probability of his having to select a successor. The only names that have been mentioned for the portfolio, so far, are Colonel Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland, president of the American Bankers' Association and Hon. T. Jefferson Coolidge of Boston, ex-minister to France. The latter is regarded as most likely to receive an offer of the position.

The appointment of Mr. Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin to succeed Mr. Charles Emory Smith as Postmaster General is regarded as a most happy selection. Mr. Payne, in addition to being a close friend of the President, has had an eminently successful career as a business man and has been for a number of years a politician, but has never been the subject of the slightest criticism even by his political enemies. His exceptionally capable management of the postoffice of Milwaukee has given him an insight into the duties of his new office and his great executive ability will fit him for the management of the vast business machine the Postoffice Department has grown to be. He is known to favor penny postage.

There have been numerous other rumors of Cabinet changes, but they appear to be pure speculation. It is said that Secretary Long will be the next to resign, but the rumor is based merely on the fact that the Secretary, in conversation with friends, has expressed solicitude for his law business which he fears is suffering from his compulsory inattention. Few people realize that, apart from the honor, which is not always unalloyed, the acceptance of a Cabinet portfolio is accompanied by many sacrifices. It is impossible, even by the most rigid economy, for a Cabinet minister to live within his salary. A member of President Harrison's cabinet, whose tastes were most simple and who occupied a residence entirely unsuitable for the entertainments he was compelled to give, told me that his annual expenses exceeded his salary by $5.000 per year and a member of Mr. McKinley's cabinet placed the amount at $8.000 per year. From a business standpoint there is no future to a Cabinet position and politically it is regarded as a "graveyard."

Many people believe that Secretary Hay will resign in the not distant future but I am told on excellent authority that he will do so only in case his physician strongly advises it and that the President is most anxious that he should remain. It is certain that, unless the most unforeseen circumstances should occur, there will be no other changes unless it be in the portfolio of the Interior. As a matter of fact, however, Mr. Roosevelt is unintentionally and unconsciously setting a pace which many of the elderly gentlemen who comprise his Cabinet find a little trying. "I have just come from a Cabinet meeting and I am a little breathless," said one of them recently. "We all admire the President's youthful energy and have the highest regard for him, but, unfortunately for us old fellows, the pace he sets is a little trying. It makes us very breathless. There are several of us who always leave a Cabinet meeting panting."

On Thursday Congress adjourned for the holidays and those members who have not yet brought their families to Washington have gone home. The ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and the return of Senator Morgan's canal bill by the Committee on Inter-Oceanic canals have cleared away a good deal of what might be termed preliminary legislation and as soon as the Senate reassembles it will be in a position to take up the details of the Nicaraguan canal, provided no opposition to the selection of that route arises in the meantime.

On the Wednesday before adjournment the House of Representatives passed the Philippine tariff bill as reported by the Ways and Means Committee. The minority presented their perfunctory opposition, but their arguments were as rambling and their suggestions as vague as their opposition was futile. Chairman Payne, after pointing out that the Democrats had done as much to precipitate the Spanish war as had the Republicans, and that both parties, to their credit be it said, had postponed belligerent action until every consideration of humanity made it imperative, made an eloquent appeal for the support of the Democrats in the effort of the majority to give the Philippine Islands a government which would render the natives fit for citizenship in the United States, their own or any other country, and which would impress upon them the blessings of liberty and civilization.

Since the measure was passed by the House the Taft commission has recommended a reduction of fifty per cent of the imposts on tobacco, hemp, sugar, and some other products of the islands. The measure is not yet a law and it is possible that the Senate may see fit to amend the bill in compliance with the recommendations of the commission. The excellent record of Commissioner [illegible] and his associates, and the success which has so far crowned their efforts in the Philippines, entitle their wishes to consideration, and, if they believe that some few concessions will further enable them to establish peaceful and prosperous conditions, their suggestions should be made the subject of serious deliberation.

The House has made the Hepburn Canal bill the order of business for January 7th, the day after Congress convenes, and unless Mr. Cannon, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, opposes it, or the growing, although not yet important, sentiment in favor of the Panama route develops beyond all expectations, it is believed that the bill can be put through within a week. The measure provides for a total appropriation of $180,000,000 and makes the sum of $10,000,000 available as soon as the measure becomes a law. It is said that Mr. Cannon's only objection is that, as chairman of the Appropriations committee he regards his responsibility as very great and fears that even the sum provided in the bill will be insufficient for the completion of the canal.

The Demoralized Democracy.

St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Some Democrats are giving pretty hard knocks to their party these days. Here is Congressman Burleson of Texas, for example, who says that the "so-called Democratic party is made up of an aggregation of discordant factions, some of them standing for every economic and governmental fallacy conceived by diseased minds." He says he is heartily tired of "entering caucuses with men professing to be Democrats who represent Populistic, Socialistic and semi-Republican ideas, who are privileged to advise the Democracy, but who, if their advice is disregarded, bolt the caucus, thus giving the country the impression that the Democracy is at all times and on all questions hopelessly divided."

This sizes up the situation for the Democrats accurately. The Texas Democratic Congressman is young in national politics, but he is observant, and the things which he says have often been said by older and bigger members of the party. Mr. Bryan has often declared that the Cleveland section of the Democracy is Republican and not Democratic. The Cleveland men counter on the Bryanites by saying that the latter are not Democrats at all, but Populists. There are other elements calling themselves Democrats which dislike both these factions, and would be glad to drown them, except that their support is necessary in order to keep the Democratic vote out of the "scattering" column in the election returns.

We do not know to what faction of the Democracy Congressman Burleson belongs. Apparently, he is not a Bryanite, but this does not necessarily mean that he is a Clevelander or Carlisle man. It is hard to "place" some of the southern Democrats in 1901. In the shifting of position and general and particular chaos in the Democratic party in the South, the Southwest and the West, he is a wise Democrat who can tell offhand at the present time where he is "at." These days try Democratic souls harder than any other times which have come since 1864, except in the year when Henry Watterson and the Democratic mugwumps were shouting for the anti-Democrat, Greeley, when Thomas F. Bayard and the rest of the Democratic straightouts were fighting Greeley and trying to draft Charles O'Conor, and when O'Conor and the Democratic blue lights in general were so disgusted with its aberrations that they renounced, for the time being, the Democracy and all its works, and prayed for the victory of the Republican party.

Wanted—An experienced girl for general housework. Apply at the office of Wm. B. Clarke, sheriff.

The most extensive line of Robes and blankets ever shown in town can be seen at J. C. [illegible]'s

Boys wanted—Enquire at the office of the Hanies Flint Bottle Works.

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Shooting Affray.

There was considerable excitement in the vicinity of the Griffin hotel last evening, caused by the shooting of Henry Ericson an oil well driller, by a man named W. Fraley. The particulars of the affair, as near as can be ascertained at this writing, are as follows: Ericson and Fraley were drinking at the bar in the Griffin hotel, when they got into an altercation over some trivial matter. Without warning Fraley pulled a revolver and before anyone could interfere fired point blank at Ericson. The bullet struck him in the left side, ploughing its way through his heavy overcoat, undercoat, vest and also two pass books in his inside pocket, striking the rib and glancing off without causing much injury. Fraley was put out of the place and Ericson taken to the hospital. Fraley was subsequently arrested by Officers Dilly and Proper. He was given a hearing before 'Squire Gillis. Fraley refused to plead, and the facts as above stated were brought out. Fraley claims to be a glass worker from Smethport, and his actions during the hearing indicate that he is a deep one and handy with a revolver. After listening to the testimony Mr. Gillis committed Fraley to the county jail to await the action of the grand jury.—Kane Republican, Wednesday.

The Inquirer Almanac.

An excellent annual for the busy man or woman, a valuable book of reference for office, counting house or home is the Philadelphia Inquirer Almanac for 1902. Besides the customary literature, facts and figures, calendars and election returns, there is a complete directory of the Philadelphia government, members of Congress, the State Legislature and Judiciary, the National government, a comprehensive record of sports, full chronology of the closing year, and much other information of interest to the general reader. The almanac as a whole is a very useful compilation, containing much in little space and that much selected and presented with good judgment. It is furnished free to Inquirer readers.

First Baptist Church.

The Rev. P. S. Calvin, a native of this state, who has been a pastor in Neenah Wisconsin for the last three years, will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening, and in the chapel at East Smethport at 2:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. Bible school at 10 a. m., preaching at 11, Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m., Senior Endeavor at 6:30, preaching at 7:30.

A Cross on the Moon.

According to the stories of early risers in Reading a huge illuminated cross seemed to flash across the face of the moon about 5:30 Tuesday morning. The moon appeared unusually bright and from the top, bottom and sides extended for some distance the projecting ends of the cross, as if thrown upon the planet by some gigantic magic light.

The Irrepressible Jerry

Wednesday's Bradford Era: Jerry Robinson was arrested last night by Officers Scully and Cowan on a warrant issued at the instance of B. B. Briggs of Ice street, charging him with malicious mischief. The defendant was locked up pending a hearing, to-day, before Alderman Foley.

Cure Your Catarrh Now.

V. Van Dorn, 2011 Avenue B, Birmingham, Ala., writes: "I have had catarrh in one of the worst forms for 20 years, and after using Dr. Geo. Leininger's For-mal-de-hyde Inhaler for two days feel entirely relieved and believe by its continued use I will get cured." Sold at 50 cents on a guarantee by J. W. Voorhees.

The Money-Back Cough Syrup.

Means a lot to people who are tired of experimenting with the "ordinary" cough preparations—you are not out a cent if Dr. Geo. Leininger's For-mal-de-hyde Cough Cure does not please you. It will cure consumption and all serious and stubborn lung and throat diseases. Sold at 25c on a guarantee by J. W. Voorhees.

Now is the time to buy your robes, blankets, and [illegible]

Photograph mounts, all sizes, for sale at this office.

A handsome present is a piece of our nickel-plated tableware at Holmes & Gilfillan's.

See our line of Christmas goods. Come early and have your pick. Holmes & Gilfillan.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nunundah Railroad Company for the election of President and Directors and to transact such other business as may come before it, will be held at the office of the Company in the building occupied by Gorton & Richmond, in Smethport, Pa., on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1902, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m.

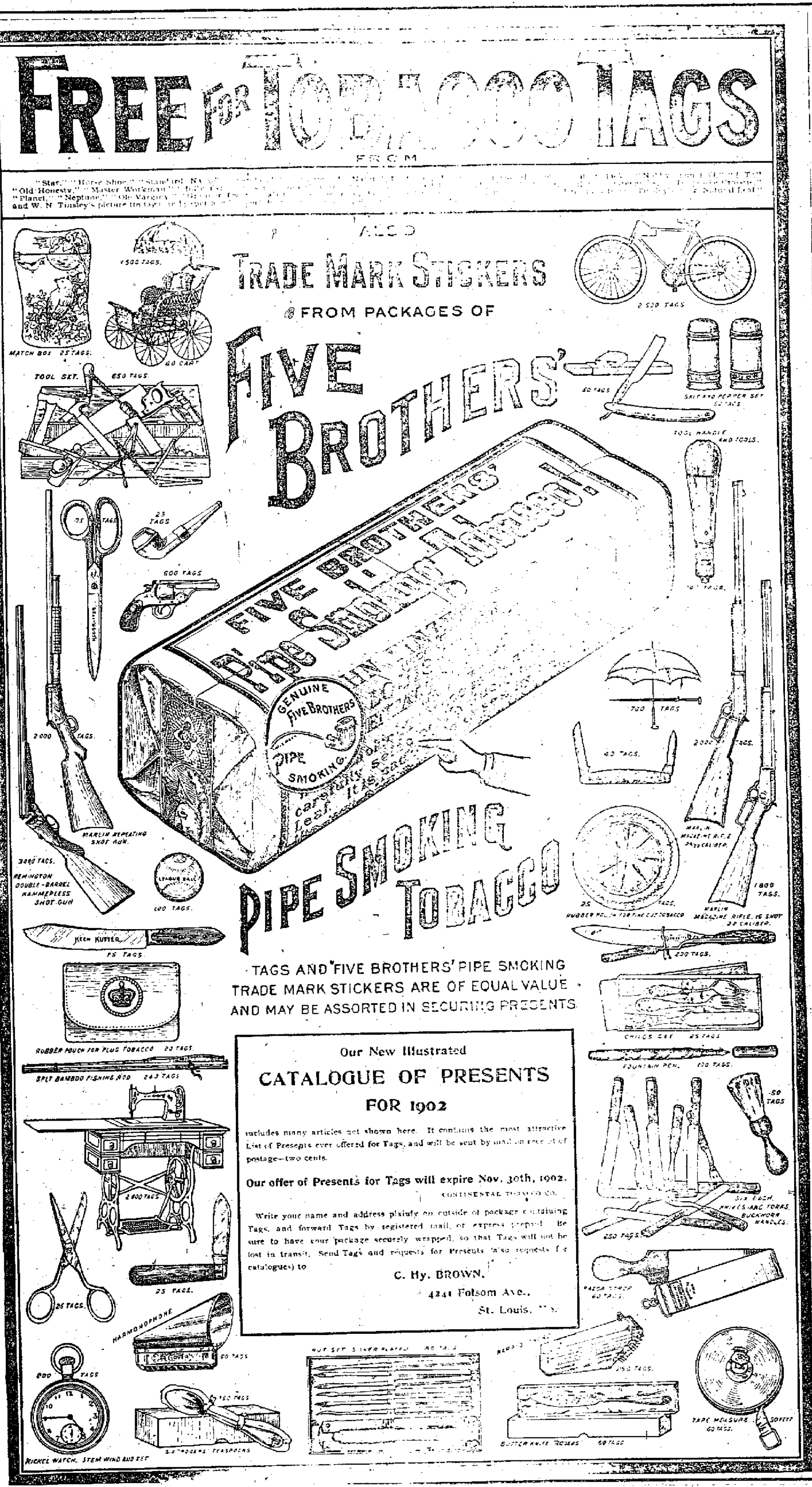
SHERIDAN GORTON, President.
T. F. RICHMOND, Secretary.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Marvin Creek Railroad Company for the election of President and Directors and to transact such other business as may come before it will be held at the office of the Company in the building occupied by Gorton & Richmond, in Smethport, Pa., on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1902, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m.

T. F. RICHMOND, President.
SHERIDAN GORTON, Secretary.

W. S. Hubbard,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW and Justice of the Peace. [illegible] City (P. O.) Building.
OLEAN, N. Y.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"Old Honesty," "Master Workman," [illegible]
"Planet," "Neptune," "Ole Varginy," [illegible] Natural Leaf"
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FIVE BROTHERS' Pipe Smoking Tobacco
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NUT SET, SILVER PLATED
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St. Louis, Mo.

License Transfer Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the application of W. J. Cunningham, present residence Eldred, McKean County, Penn'a, for transfer of retail liquor license, as eating house license granted to Harry M. Schaney at June sessions, 1901, to sell vinous, malt and brewed liquors by retail as an eating house keeper in quantities not exceeding one quart, in that hotel and eating house in the Borough of Eldred, McKean County, Penn'a, known as the two story frame hotel and eating house, situate on the east side of [illegible] street, opposite the W. N. Y. & P. Ry. depot, and heretofore known as the [illegible], will be heard by the Court of Quarter Sessions of McKean County at Smethport on the 2nd day of January, 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m.

J. K. [illegible],
Att'y for Applicant.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary in the estate of Edwin P. [illegible], late of Port Allegany, McKean County, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been issued to John E. Dusenberry of Portville, N. Y., to whom all persons indebted to said estate will make payment, and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same without delay to the said John E. Dusenberry or to Bouton & Gallup, his attorneys at Smethport, Pa.

JOHN E. DUSENBERRY,
Executor.

Dec. 13, 1901.

BELL BROS.

OLEAN'S BIG DEPARTMENT STORE

Extends to its many friends in Smethport its best wishes for a "Merry Xmas," with the hope that the spirit of good cheer may reach every heart and that this with them may truly be the "Glad time of all the year."

Old as is the custom of exchanging gifts at this time some friends are almost sure to be forgotten while you will likely receive a remembrance from friends to whom you did not give. Belated gift seekers will find here thousands of gifts suitable for

NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

Prices on Toys, Books, Games, Bric-a-brac and other holiday lines are cut half and more. Broken assortments to be sure, but to offset prices but a fraction of what they were.

All regular departments have broken lines marked at a great reduction to close and if values are an indication business should be brisk during the next week.

Samples and information gladly furnished on request.

PURE REFINED PARAFFINE

Don't fill the top of your jelly and preserve jars in the old fashioned way. Seal them by the new, quick, absolutely sure way—by a thin coating of Pure Refined Paraffine. Has no taste or odor. Is air tight and acid proof. Easily applied. Useful in a dozen other ways about the house. Full directions with each pound.
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Is as ever headquarters for everything in the line of

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If you wish to be ON TIME buy your

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at this reliable establishment. Prices are right,

Stock is Complete,

Goods are the Best, therefore your patronage is solicited

M. L. ARMSTRONG,
Main Street, Smethport, Pa.

Buy and Try a Box Tonight.

While you think of it, go buy and try a box of Cascarets Candy Cathartic, ideal laxative, tonight. You'll never regret it. Genuine tablets stamped C. C. C. Never sold in bulk. All druggists, 10c.

Time to Prepare for the Christmas Dinner.

The place to buy the material to be used in its preparation is a grocery which keeps only purest, best and most toothsome goods.

Don't you want Oranges, Grapes, Bananas, Apples, Figs, Dates, Stuffed Dates, Table Raisins, Canned Peaches, Pears, Red & White Cherries, Egg Plums, Sliced and Grated Pineapples, Pears, Strawberries and Raspberries, Canned Asparagus, Lima, String and Wax Beans, Peas, Corn, Succotash, Tomatoes, Beets, Sweet Potatoes and Pumpkins.

In fresh vegetables we have Celery, Cabbages, Pumpkins, Squash, Carrots, Ruta Baga Turnips, Beets, Onions, Spanish Onions, Sweet Potatoes, &c., &c., &c.

Try R. & R. Plum Pudding. It is the finest and purest canned.

We have in our cellar a carload of apples and a carload of potatoes. These were received by us before the cold weather and are free from frost. Try us on apples and potatoes. We can please you.

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FRESH BALTIMORE OYSTERS
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BOTTLER, SMETHPORT, PA.
On Sale at all Hotels and Saloons.

Go to Store of
D. C. Young
for Your Christmas Goods.

New stock and great variety just received from New York City at prices that cannot be beaten.

Fancy Baskets, 5c to $1.00. Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 5c up. Dolls from 1c to $2. Women's Flannelette Wrappers 75c to $1.50.

400 New Books, no two alike, at 15c to 24c each.

Silk Umbrellas, $1.50 to $5.00, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Please call and examine for yourselves at my store, corner Main and Union streets.

Special prices to teachers and Sunday school workers.

D. C. YOUNG,
SMETHPORT, PA., Dec. 10, 1901.

Go To
L. K. Hogarth & Co.
for

Fancy Goods, Cut Glass, Wave Crest Ware, Leather Goods, Sterling Silver Novelties, Toilet Sets, Etc.

We are closing out our stock Medallions below cost.

L. K. HOGARTH & CO.
Opposite Court House.
Leading Druggists. Smethport, Pa

Great Reduction Sale
ON OVERCOATS, SHOES AND RUBBERS
For Ten Days.

50 Men's Overcoats, all wool, Beaver or Kersey, worth from $7.50 to $8, go at $4 65

75 Men's Overcoats, all wool Kersey, gray or blue, worth from $9 50 to $12, go at $7 65

6 Men's Overcoats very fine, tailor-made, Oxford gray, worth from $12 50 to $16, go at $9.98.

75 pairs Ladies' Shoes, fine or box calf, worth from $1.90 to $2, go at $1 29

65 pairs Ladies Shoes, very fine, heavy soles, worth from $2 50 to $3, go at $1.75

75 pairs Ladies' Shoes, French Vici Kid, worth from $3.50 $4, go at $2.38.

3 doz Men's Felt Boots and Rubbers, the best, warranted go at $2 19

3 doz Men's Rubber Boots, the best, warranted, sizes from 6 to 10, go at $2 68.

75 pairs Ladies' Rubbers, storm or low, the best, go at $.42

3 doz. Men's Artics, the best, heavy or light, worth from $1 75 to $2, go at $1.19.

3 doz Men's high heavy Rubbers, Snag Proof, the best, with lace, go at $1 78.

55 pairs Little Rubber Boots, sizes from 5 to 12, goes from 93 cents up.

100 pairs Misses' and Children's Rubbers, the best, storm or low go from 25 cents up

We invite you all to come during this sale. You can save cents on a dollar.

MAX SCHOOLAR,
Main street, opposite Court House, Smethport, Pa., and Oswayo, P[illegible]

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO. | F. G. LINDHOLM & CO

SATURDAY, DEC. 7.

Grand Opening Display
OF
HOLIDAY GOODS!

To-day we make our first display of holiday goods.

The first floor is full of all kinds of fancy goods, toys, dolls games and everything suggestive of the approaching holiday season. Inspection invited.

FURS,
JACKETS
and SUITS.

All the best styles in neckwear of the choicest furs, $1 to $15.50

Elegant fashions in long Coats, Automobiles, Ulsters, Raglans English Jackets, Etc.

Ladies' tailor-made suits for street, dress and traveling, $10.00 to $25.00

Dress Skirts in great variety—in cloth, $5.00 to $12.50; in silk, $12.50.

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Wasting Time.

If you saw someone catching a great many fish farther up the stream, would you waste your time fishing where you were catching only a few?

Shop where most Christmas goods are.

If that other fisherman were catching trout and you were pulling out every now and then a chub—would you still stick?

Shop where things are good.

CHINAWARE.

Tea and After Dinner Coffee Cups Chop Cake and Bread and Butter Plates, Salads in all shapes and sizes, Fancy Olives, Celery Trays, Nut Bowls, Brush and Comb Trays, Chocolate Pots, Biscuit Jars, Sugars and Creams, Pin Trays, etc., etc. etc We have the above in Haviland, Limoges or German China.

CUT GLASS.

Bon Bons in all shapes and sizes, Nappies, Salads, Spoon Trays, Carafes, Jellies, Celery Trays, Cream and Sugars, etc etc., etc

Venetian Glass.

Footed and handled Bon Bons Jellies and Nappies, etc etc, etc

This is cut glass filled with gold. The latest and prettiest ware on the market

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Glasses, Tumblers, Finger Bowls, Vinegar Cruits, Sherbets, Oil Bottles, Rose Bowls, Colored Water Sets, four piece Table Sets, consisting of Butter Dish, Cream and Sugar and Spoon Holder, etc., etc., etc. In fact we have a complete line of Blow and Pressed Glassware.

NOVELTIES.

Ash Trays, Match Safes, Tobacco Jars, Ash Receivers, Bisque Figures, Vases, Wedgewood Plaques and Sugar and Creams, Jardinieres, Syrup Cups, etc, etc

Stirling Silver.

Meat Forks, Tea Spoons, Cream Ladles, Oyster Forks, Bon Bon Spoons, Sugar Shells, After Dinner Coffee Spoons, Tomato Servers, Olive Spoons.

Redfield's Hardware,
Mason Block. SMETHPORT, PA.

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ever brought to Smethport. Before you purchase a frame call and see the elegant assortment at my studio.

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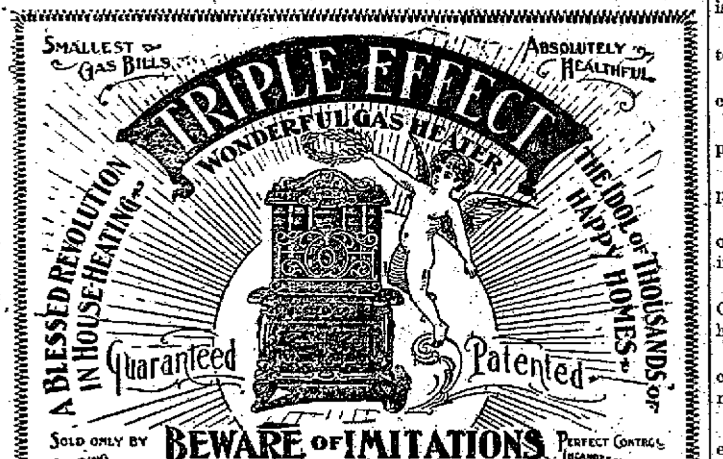
Smethport, Pa

Christmas Goods

You are invited to call and inspect our display of Holiday Goods, trimhats, skirts, jackets, children's cloaks, bonnets, etc.

A great reduction on flannelette waists and ready to wear hats.

MRS. A. E. HINMAN,
Smethport, Pa.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They are sold at the same prices the world over.

McKean County Miner

SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, DEC. 26 1901

LOCAL AND GENERAL

—Read Bell Bros. new advertisement on second page of this issue.

—This year records a wonderful growth of the State Normal School at Clarion.

—Mr. Fay is employed at Bovaird & Co. He is a graduate of Warner's Business college, Bradford, Pa.

—The Ottumwas Male quartet and Miss Van Deusen, reciter, at the court house next Wednesday evening.

—Born, to Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, on Friday, Dec. 20, a boy. All concerned are getting along nicely.

—Norman Bros. have commenced putting up ice, having drawn the first load Tuesday, a very fine quality about 7 inches thick.

—Miss Day is a clerk at "The Fair," Bradford. She is a student of Warner's Business college, Bradford, Pa.

—Rex, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Gorton, enlisted in the U. S. Marines at the Buffalo recruiting station last week.

—The P. B. Broughton Brick works at Lewis Run were totally destroyed by fire Monday morning. Loss $30,000; insurance $3,000.

—There has been an unconfirmed rumor afloat this week of a possible shut down at the window glass plant.—Port Allegany Argus.

—A ten cent dance for the benefit of Smethport High School football team and athletic association will be held in the hose house on Wednesday evening, January 1, 1902.

—At the Methodist church next Sunday morning Rev. Patterson's subject will be "Prayer" In the evening the last of the series on social conditions, viz: "The Church and Social Equality."

—The younger element enjoyed a dance at the hose house last night.

—There will be a free rural mail delivery from Eldred after Feb. 1, 1902. Smethport should be equally favored. Let the proper persons take this matter in hand.

—The Philadelphia Inquirer Almanac for 1902 has been received at this office. As usual, it is brim full of interesting and instructive matter and is invaluable as a reference book.

—The Smethport schools closed for the holiday vacation on Friday with appropriate and interesting exercises in the different departments. The first term in the new school house has been a most successful one and the citizens of Smethport have every reason to feel proud of their schools. To the pupils and the very efficient corps of teachers the MINER wishes a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

—A passenger train on the Southwest Pennsylvania road raced with death this morning in an effort to save the life of John E. Moore of Ormsby, Pa., who was mangled while on duty at Headstone Junction, near Uniontown. Moore died just as he was carried inside the doors at Cottage State hospital. Moore was standing on the end car of a train when he slipped on the ice and fell under the wheels. He leaves a widow and several children at Ormsby.—Pittsburg Dispatch, Dec. 20.

—Mrs. Dr. Burdick, who has been sick for a number of weeks, was taken to the Kane hospital on Sunday night and underwent a critical operation on Monday. The operation was performed by Drs. Benninghoff, Kane and Nason. The first telephone message afterwards was very alarming to her friends, but since that have been more reassuring. Probably no lady in Mt. Jewett has more friends than Mrs. Burdick and all are anxiously hoping for her recovery.—Mt. Jewett News.

—The Christmas Day services at St. Luke's were largely attended, most of the members of the parish receiving their Christmas communion at the early service. The festal music at the 10:30 a. m. service was of the high character for which the well-trained choir is noted and was equal to that of many of the best choirs in our largest cities. Eyre's great service in E flat was sung throughout, including Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sursum Corda, Benedictus, Agnus Dei and Gloria in Excelsis, with Gounod's beautiful work, "Nazareth," at the offertorium. The rector made a short address on "The Incarnation and its Fruits." The services on next Sunday will include a large anthem of sixteen pages entitled, "Awake, Put On Thy Strength," by F. R. Greenish, including soli for bass and alto, chorales and full chorus.

—At St. Luke's church on Christmas eve there was a large gathering of the children to take part in the festal service. The junior choir which numbers about thirty voices, sang an anthem, magnificat and nunc dimitis and a number of Christmas carols. After a short address by the rector to impress the real lesson of Christmas the children assembled in the I. O. O. F. hall where a fine Christmas tree and many beautiful gifts awaited them, and a happy evening was passed by all present. The children of All Saints', East Smethport, had their service, carols and the usual finely decorated tree and many handsome presents at 4 o'clock on the same day. The people at All Saints' chapel are noted for their unusually fine Christmas trees. The offerings of the children in both schools for missions during the year amounted to $62.25.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Thos. Bahan of Colegrove was in town Tuesday.

T. J. Gilbert visited his grandson at Machias last week.

Miss Edna Keenan is home from Bradford for the holidays.

Sheridan Gorton returned from a visit to Buffalo on Thursday.

Charles E. McCoy is home from school for the holiday vacation.

Scott F. Redfield had business in New York the forepart of the week.

Miss Sadie Conley of Newark, Ohio, is visiting her parents in town.

Orlo J. Hamlin returned from a visit to New York on Thursday last.

John Stoneberg of Newerf was a welcome caller at this office on Tuesday.

G. A. Burdick of Mt. Jewett was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday.

L. W. Howden of Coryville was a pleasant caller at this office on Tuesday.

Mrs. Melville M. Gillette and daughter of Newark, Ohio, are visiting relatives in town.

Miss Marion Dunn is home from the Geneseo Normal school to spend the holidays.

O. D. Gallup of Norwich was a welcome caller at the MINER office this morning.

Victor Bouton, who is attending Dickenson Law school, is home for the holiday vacation.

W. P. Beckwith was up from Farmers Valley on Saturday and made us a pleasant call.

Miss Helen Forrest, who has been visiting in Newark, Ohio, returned home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Shoenberger of Chicago, who has been visiting Mrs. Eugenia Hamlin, has returned home.

Miss Ethel Gifford is home from the Fredonia Normal school to spend the holidays with her parents.

S. W. Smith of Port Allegany had business in town Friday and was a pleasant caller at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Hamlin of Chicago are here for the holidays, guests of his mother, Mrs. Eugenia Hamlin.

A. W. Mitchell of Pittsburg is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mitchell.

Miss Katherine O'Brien went to Warren Monday where she will enter a training school for nurses at the state hospital there.

Editor Blackman of the Port Allegany Argus was a pleasant caller at this office while in town on a business mission last Saturday.

Miss Mabel Camp, who is attending St. Margaret's school, Buffalo, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents in town.

Miss Marie Jackson, who is a teacher in the Corning, N. Y., schools, is spending the holiday vacation with her uncle, F. G. Lindholm.

Mr. and Mrs. Demont Stone and grandchildren, Miss Carrie Anderson and Demont Stone, of Rochester, N. Y., are guests of relatives in town this week.

Holiday Excursion via B., B. & K. Ry.

Ticket agents will sell excursion tickets to all points on B., B. & K. and P. & W. Ry. Tickets will be sold and good going December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1901, and January 1st, 1902, limited for return passage to Jan. 2nd, 1902.

Programme

Of Farmers Institute, to be held at Farmers Valley, Pennsylvania.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 15, 1902.
Presiding Officer A. Smith.

1:30	Music, Prayer, Etc.	
2:00	What Education Does the Farmer Need?	By Col. John A. Woodward
	Discussion opened by Gilbert Moody.	
3:00	Wastefulness on the Farm.	By W. H. H. Riddle
	Discussion opened by F. Sherburne	
3.30	How Plants Feed and Grow.	By Prof. R. L. Watts
	Discussion opened by James Quirk.	
3:50	Why we Fail, and How to Succeed.	By G. C. Felix
	Discussion opened by Mrs. Colwell	
4:15	Adjournment.	

WEDNESDAY EVENING
EDUCATIONAL SESSION

7:00	Music.	
7:15	Nature Study in the Public Schools.	By Prof. R. L. Watts
	Discussion opened by Wm. Winslow.	
7:50	Make the Country Home Convenient and Comfortable.	By Col. John A. Woodward
	Discussion opened by Mrs. E. C. Day	
8:30	Should Farmers Organize? If so, How?	By W. H. Riddle
	Discussion opened by George Bayer	
9:00	Central High School.	By G. C. Felix
	General discussion.	

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 16, 1902.
GENERAL FARMING SESSION

9:00	Question Box.	
9:30	Why Crop Rotation is Necessary.	By W. H. Riddle.
	Discussion opened by D. C. Young.	
10:10	Opportunities and Advantages for Young Men on the Farm.	By Prof. R. L. Watts
	Discussion opened by Albert Hackett.	
10:50	Feeding for a Purpose, with special reference to dairying.	By Col. John A. Woodward
	Discussion opened by E. C. Day	
11:30	The Soil; Its Adaptation and Drainage.	By G. C. Felix
	Discussion opened by H. W. Roeder.	

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30	Question Box.	
2:10	Dairying as a Business Way of Farming.	By Col. John A. Woodward
	Discussion opened by L. W. Howden.	
2:45	Apples in Pennsylvania.	By Prof. R. L. Watts
	Discussion opened by Casper Smith.	
3:20	Fertilizers and Their Value	By W. H. H. Riddle
	Discussion opened by M. Chatfield.	
3:50	The Farmer in the Legislature.	By G. C. Felix
	Discussion opened by Allen Oviatt.	

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:30	Entertainment by the Ladies.	

SHOE NEWS
AT THE
New Shoe Store.

All the desirable Fall and Winter footwear for man, woman and child is here and at prices that do not offend.

A large line of Holiday Slippers for all. New styles and new prices.

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MEN'S HOLIDAY SLIPPERS, Velvet		50c
" " "	All leather	75c and up
LADIES' FELT SHOES, All kinds		75c and up
" " JULIETS, Fur trim, black and red		75c

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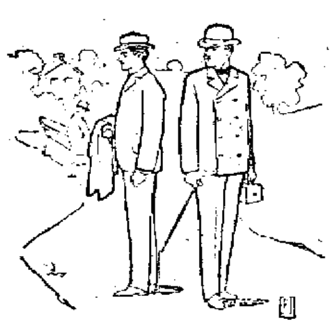

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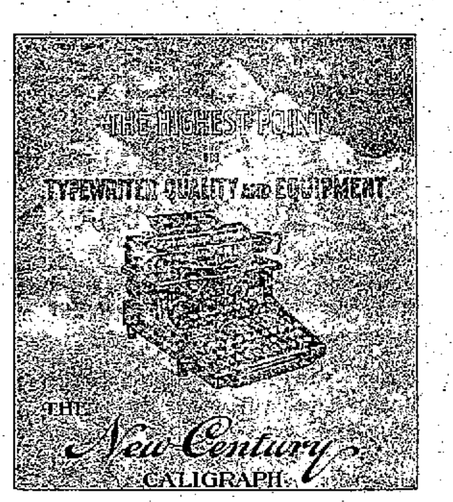

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Attend the dance at the hose house New Year's night.

—The snappers in the Eldred glass factory are on a strike.

—Hear the Ottumwas at the court house Wednesday evening, January 1.

—The Friendship Republican reports over 175 cases of measles in that village.

—Don't fail to attend the entertainment at the court house next Wednesday evening.

—Miss Wilson is stenographer for H. C. Bemis & Son, Bradford. She is a graduate of Warner's Business college, Bradford, Pa.

—Mr. Lanning is a clerk at Bradford. He is a student of Warner's Business college, Bradford.

—Now is the time to subscribe for the MINER for your friend who lives at a distance, or for yourself.

—Mr. Hopkins, timekeeper at Bradford. He is a student of Warner's Business college, Bradford, Pa.

—The Republican primaries of Keating township will be held at the usual places on Saturday, Jan. 25, 1902.

—Hon. Henry T. Reynolds, a prominent man of Ulysses, died at his home on Monday of last week, aged 67 years.

—M. Lovitz is keeping the books for H. Lovitz, Bradford. He is a graduate of Warner's Business college, Bradford.

—Arthur Gordinier, who was tried last week at Coudersport for the murder of C. D. Banfield in Austin last July, was acquitted.

—Belle Cooke is stenographer for C. R. Hambley, D. D. S., Bradford. She is a graduate of Warner's Business college, Bradford, Pa.

—James O'Hern has brought suit against Mt. Jewett borough for $10,000 damages for injuries received from being tipped out of his buggy in a bad place in the street.

—Bell Bros., the largest of an department store, are furnishing complete Graves' new hotel at Shingle House. Many of the large contracts in this section of the state which formerly went to Buffalo and New York firms are secured by this enterprising house.

—A pleasant wedding occurred on Saturday evening, in the parlor of the Commercial hotel. The contracting parties were Benjamin Haines and Mrs. Margaret Hall both of Smethport, and the knot was tied good and tight by Rev. John Lusher.—Mt. Jewett News.

—There was a wreck on the Pennsylvania at Coryville last Friday morning which delayed traffic on that road and the P., S. & N. for some time. A local freight which was followed by another stopped at Coryville and the other crashed into it, scattering cars over both tracks.

—A shepherd dog running amuck on Sunday created consternation among Main street pedestrians. It was thought he was suffering from rabies, but when seen later in the evening was a quiet, well-behaved animal.

—An Arcade woman applied for a divorce on the ground that her husband kissed the hired girl. The judge refused because, he said, he didn't propose to establish a precedent whereby every woman in the state could get a divorce. The judge was a married man himself. —Exchange.

—Tuesday of next week, New Year's eve, there will be a "reception" at the Methodist parsonage, when the Rev. and Mrs. Patterson extend an invitation to all members of the congregation and friends to their home. The hours are from 3 to 5 p. m. and 8 to 11 p. m. No cards sent out.

—Letters remaining in the postoffice for week ending Dec. 21, 1901: Mrs. Birtha Burns, Miss Cola Chapman, Jack (Box 16), Mons. Louis Jean, Robert Jones, Fred J. Kelly, George Kirkland, J. B. Richards, Jennie Van Marter, A. H. Webster. Foreign: C. A. Borg, Guiseppi Niesci di Francesco.

—Attention is directed to the program for Farmers' Institute to be held at Farmers Valley on Wednesday and Thursday, January 15 and 16, 1902. Noted speakers have been engaged and an interesting session is promised. Arrangements have been made for the accommodation of visitors and teams.

—Jacob R. Williams, a farmer of Tuckertown, N. J., is complaining about winter mosquitoes. He says he went into a swamp and was attacked by 10,000 mosquitoes. He says the winter insects are enveloped in a curious growth resembling overcoats. The fact that an illicit distillery was discovered in that section might go a long way toward explaining the presence of these pests.

—Marsh Bigler and John Early, at a hearing yesterday morning before Alderman Osborne on a charge of larceny of $10 from Ed Logan of Ludlow, were held to court in the sum of $300 bail each, which was furnished. The defendants received a $10 bill from Logan on Saturday night for the purpose of having it changed, and it is claimed, failed to return with the money.—Bradford Era, Monday.

—An observing writer notes that the self-made man of to-day starts with little means, but with a purpose to make a large success. Usually he makes some mistakes which depress him for a time, but he renews his experiences, and in most cases he learns that mercantile success depends on the sale of more goods, which means interesting more people through publicity. In other words, he depends on newspaper advertising.

Lumber Interests.

Pittsburg Post.

A combination headed by John Du Bois, the lumber king of Pennsylvania, is about to make a big deal in this State. Its purpose is said to be to corner the hemlock market and run the price up from $14 or $15 per 1,000 feet to $20 or higher. Back of the promoters are the owners of the largest tanneries in the State, who control much of the hemlock.

It is claimed that allied with DuBois are F. H. Goodyear & Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., who control the hemlock in Potter, Lycoming and other counties of the State. The deal will cost over $20,000,000 to consummate. The representatives of large firms have been in conference in this city for several days, arranging the details of the project. To successfully accomplish the corner the output of the Pittsburg, Williamsport, South Fork and northern districts must be secured. In Pittsburg are centered 1,200,000,000 feet, in Williamsport 100,000,000, in South Fork 65,000,000 and in Vintondale, which is part of the South Fork field, 20,000,000 feet. These figures represent the year's output of the districts tributary to these centers.

Smaller lumbermen declare that if the squeeze is made Michigan and Wisconsin competition will have to be reckoned with as well as the pine competition from North Carolina.

Obituary.

Bernard McNally, whose death was briefly mentioned last week, was born near Belfast, County Antrim, Ireland. In early life Mr. McNally came to this country, and settled on the farm in Annin township on which he resided until his demise on Friday, Dec. 13, 1901. In 1855 he was married to Miss O'Neill. Nine children were born to them, of whom seven are living, as follows: Peter McNally and Mrs. Logue of Vandalia, N. Y.; Mrs. T. H. Purtle and Mrs. F. B. Andrews of Smethport; Mrs. Hungiville of Rixford; Mrs. O'Reilly of Pittsburg and Robert McNally of Turtle Point. He was a kind and indulgent husband and father and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him as a man of sterling integrity and a charitable neighbor. The funeral, which was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends, was held in Sartwell church on Monday, Dec. 16.

A Rolling Stone.

What a common thing it is for a man to work hard 20 years accumulating a competency and then decide he can do better in some far away State. He sells his property at a sacrifice, tries some other location, and in a few years finds his little property scattered to the four winds. Every through train that passes over a trunk line is loaded with chumps. One-half the passengers have been west or east and gone broke and are returning to their old homes to begin over again. The other half have just sold their old homes and are running away to become poor. Why are people so foolish? The whole world is alike; it is all around. There is no place where the climate is always pleasant; no place where contentment dwells; no place where wealth is easily gained; no place where work seems play. Don't turn to the other side of the world expecting to find something different.—Grant Shaw.

Women and Jewels.

Jewels, candy, flowers, man—that is the order of a woman's preferences. Jewels form a magnet of mighty power to the average woman. Even the greatest of all jewels, health, is often ruined in the strenuous efforts to make or save the money to purchase them. If a woman will risk her health to get a coveted gem, then let her fortify herself against the insidious consequences of coughs, colds and bronchial affections by the regular use of Dr. Boschee's German Syrup. It will promptly arrest consumption in its early stages and heal the affected lungs and bronchial tubes and drive the dread disease from the system. It is not cure all, but it is a certain cure for coughs, colds and all bronchial troubles. You can get Dr. G. G. Green's reliable remedies at H. C. Wells' drug store. Get Green's special almanac.

Why Suffer With Your Kidneys?

The discovery of Dr. Geo. Leininger's For-mal-de-hyde Kidney Tablets has proved a blessing to thousands of kidney sufferers who have been restored to perfect health. These tablets drive the kidney disease germs out of the blood and prevent accumulation of uric acid in the system. We urge all sufferers to give this successful and scientific kidney remedy a trial. They come in two sizes, 25 and 50 cents. Come and get a trial treatment free at J. W. Voorhees.

The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pain in the side or chest, give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. One application gives relief. For sale by H. C. Wells, druggist.

Notice to Taxpayers.

All taxpayers of Smethport borough are hereby notified that in order to save 5 per cent on their taxes the same must be paid on or before January 6, 1902. I can be found at the furniture and carpet store of Specht & Sasse, this borough.

CARL SASSE, Collector.

There is economy in buying good robes and blankets. They last longer, look better and are warmer than the "just as good" kind. I always handle the best.

CHARLES LEMMLER.

John Swan, the jeweler, is located with me and will be pleased to see his old customers and many new ones.

M. L. ARMSTRONG

The celebrated Trout Effect Heaters for sale at J. C. Hamlin's.

DESERVING OF A HOLIDAY WREATH.

Throwing bouquets at oneself is not considered good form, but we have received so many favorable comments on our

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that we feel justified in mentioning a few of the reasons why we should receive the orders of careful people.

All orders receive prompt attention. All material used is of good quality. All men employed are competent.

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NAPOLEON'S ORDER.

THE LEGION OF HONOR AND HOW IT WAS FOUNDED.

Despite the Ridicule the Project at First Invited Its Inauguration Proved That Napoleon Knew French Human Nature.

France owes the Legion of Honor to Napoleon. All orders of chivalry had been abolished by the revolution and had left a gap which it was not easy to fill. "They are mere geegaws," said Monge, the chemist, who had taught the revolutionists how to make gunpowder out of plaster of paris. "Geegaws, if you will," the first consul answered, "but people like them. Let us approach the question frankly. All men are enamored of decorations—the French more than any. They positively hunger for them, and they have always done so."

This was at Malmaison in 1802. In May the conseil d'etat was invited to consider the project of the institution of the Legion of Honor. It was ridiculed by many; notably by Moreau, who as victor of Hohenlinden was bitterly jealous of the victor of Marengo. At a dinner party he sent for his cook and said to him in the presence of his guests: "Michel, I am pleased with your dinner. You have indeed distinguished yourself. I will award you a saucepan of honor." Mme. de Stael was also satirical upon the subject. "Ah, one of the decorated?" she used to ask each guest who was shown into her salon.

But Napoleon had gauged human nature correctly. His Legion of Honor did meet a felt want, and it was definitely inaugurated on July 14, 1804. Among the eminent men of science and men of letters on whom it was then bestowed were included Laplace, the mathematician; Lalande, the astronomer; Cuvier, the naturalist, and Legouve, the poet. The most notable name omitted was that of Bernardin de St. Pierre, just then in disgrace for championing Mme. de Stael, whom Napoleon had banished, but he got the decoration later on the entreaty of Queen Hortense.

After Jena Goethe was decorated. A little later high promotion in the order was given to General Lamarque, to whom Sir Hudson Lowe had surrendered at Capri. "What did you do with him?" asked Napoleon. "The king of Naples had him exchanged for a Neapolitan general who was a prisoner in Sicily." "Very well; there is no harm in letting this English colonel go. He is not dangerous." It seems not unlikely that Sir Hudson Lowe remembered this sarcasm when he was Napoleon's jailer a few years afterward.

After Napoleon's downfall the question of suppressing the Legion of Honor arose. Chateaubriand, whom Napoleon had not decorated, strongly urged its abolition. So did Pozzo di Borgo. Marshals Victor, Marmont and Macdonald opposed. After debate it was decided to recognize and retain the order, not on any high moral or patriotic grounds, but because Louis XVIII. could not afford to make himself more unpopular than he was already by stripping people of their decorations. Chateaubriand and Lamartine consented to accept the red ribbon, but it was also conferred upon a great number of worthless personages and so brought into contempt.

There have been many Legion of Honor scandals since those days, but one of them surpasses all the others in magnitude. This is, of course, the Wilson scandal, the history of which, though intricate, is worth recalling.

The trouble may be said to have begun on the day on which Mlle. Alice Grevy fell in love with an opera singer who need not be mentioned here. He wanted to marry her, and she wanted to marry him, and the papers were beginning to couple the two names in a manner most embarrassing to the president of the republic. The president, however, sent the opera singer about his business and found his daughter another husband, not a very good husband, but the best husband he could procure on the spur of the moment. His choice fell upon M. Daniel Wilson, who had long been one of M. Grevy's political supporters and was a financier of some mark.

No sooner was M. Wilson established at the Elysee than he proceeded to enrich himself by various means. Among other things, he founded a paper called Le Moniteur de l'Exposition Universelle, which really covered a traffic in decorations. The whole story came out in a state trial toward the end of 1887. It was proved that Wilson had made a regular practice of selling the Legion of Honor; or, rather, of inviting people who wanted it to bribe him to use his influence to obtain it for them. His overtures were presented through his jackals, Generals d'Andlau and Cafferel and Mmes. Limousin and Ratazzi, and the whole party had to stand in the dock together.

Wilson was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, a fine of 3,000 francs and five years' deprivation of civil rights. He appealed, and the court of cassation annulled the judgment. The accused, said the judges, was obviously guilty of everything that he was charged with, but as his offenses were not anticipated by any punitive law he could not be punished. So he retired to the country and tried to live down his bad name. As he ultimately got himself elected conseiller general, one must suppose that he succeeded in this object.—Pall Mall Gazette.

His Mission.

A lawyer was passing along the street carrying under his arm a lawbook when he was accosted by a self righteous individual: "Ha, Mr. Blank! And where are you going to preach today?"

"I don't preach, I practice," replied the lawyer.

The Railway Instinct.

"How did that railway magnate's daughter happen to accept Jim Boozle-by Buffer?"

"I think it's because he runs his name in three sections."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Friendless.

Kind Lady—Poor fellow, have you got no friends?

Hay Hazard—No, mum; I hain't got nobody but relatives.—Exchange.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and la grippe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia." For sale by H. C. Wells, druggist.

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Consumption is more often caused by a neglected cold than any other ways. It is poor judgment to buy a common cough syrup when it is so easy to get Dr. Geo. Leininger's For-mal-de-hyde Cough Cure the best cough cure in the world for all serious and stubborn coughs and colds. It never fails. Sold at 25 cents on a guarantee by J. W. Voorhees.

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Subscribe for the MINER.

The Follower

A Weird Story of One Wrapped In a Black Cloak.

Two men, John and David, walked side by side along a dusty road. They were returning from the fair in the valley to their homes in the hamlet hanging high above them against the mountain.

As they walked they chatted of the sights in the town, of the good wife and little ones to whom they were coming after three days' absence, laughing, joyous, happy in remembrance of their town jollity and in the anticipation of their welcome home. Occasionally they stopped under the over-arching branches of an orchard and ate apples, or they knelt by a spring, making a cup of their hands to drink from, then passed on again.

The sun struck down fiercely upon their backs and shimmered on the dust of the road.

"Ah, the heat! Let us go more slowly, John."

"No," replied the other; "it will be cooler higher up. Let us make haste and reach the shade of the woods, and beyond there will be a breeze blowing."

Suddenly as they walked David felt that they were not alone, and, turning his head, saw a third person following a few paces behind them, an extremely tall man, wrapped in a black cloak. As David turned the man's eyes looked into his with a steady, unflinching gaze. The black robed figure was only a short distance behind him, walking with a long, even stride without sound, his cloak drawn up to his ears, covering his mouth and chin.

As David looked he shivered, then, turning his head quickly, he walked rapidly on, urging his companion to hasten.

"But just now you were calling to me to go slower, and now you want to hurry."

"Yes; let us hurry, the heat!" And they passed on, the ardent sun beating on their backs.

As they went forward David turned over in his thoughts the strange sight he had seen behind him, that was behind them now, he felt certain, though not daring to look again, a shiver coursing the length of his spine at the thought of the muffled figure in that fierce heat. And John, had he also seen it? Did he know what came swiftly, without sound, at their heels? He looked cautiously from the corner of his eye at his friend without turning his head even slightly. John plodded on, his eyes on the ground and his big shoes white with the dust, grumbling at the heat, his face dull and expressionless.

At length they reached the cooler air where the road climbed between the arching trees of the forest, and John halted to rest in the shadow. He was older than his friend and tired more easily.

"Now," thought David, "he will look back and see." And he watched the other's face narrowly.

They sat on the edge of the road, their legs hanging down the bank. John's gaze wandered back down the long stretch over which they had come, and David waited.

But the old man only looked out from the shadow with a half smile of satisfaction that so much of the long journey was over, his simple countenance placid with the thought. "How white the road is!" he said.

"And not many travelers on it," said David in half question, still looking earnestly at his comrade's face.

"Not a creature in sight," answered John quietly. "We have the road to ourselves. Others are not such fools to come out in this sun!"

David, reassured by this, turned slowly and looked back. Just below, by the first tree, in full view, silent, motionless, stood the tall figure, a little nearer than before.

David leaped to his feet and ran along the steep road, stumbling, terrified. John saw nothing, and this creature so close, in plain view. "Hurry, hurry!" he called back and ran on.

"What has come to you? Are you crazy?" cried the old man. "One can't pause to rest but you jump and run!"

"I am not well. I want to get home," panted David. "We have yet far to go. We must not waste time resting."

"You are sick. Yes, you are pale. Your teeth chatter. We will stop at old Andrew's and get you something. It is this scorching day."

"Yes, yes, we will stop at old Andrew's. He will cure me. It is not far; only beyond the next turn where the trees end."

"And we can take the short way home from there, the path from the back of his house up 'The Rocks.'"

Again they walked rapidly onward, the old man full of concern for his friend, the young man looking straight ahead.

At the border of the forest the small brown house stood on the edge of old Andrew's scanty farmland, the poor, half barren land of these mountain farms. Beyond the few fields that stretched up gradually from the back of the house rose abruptly "The Rocks," a high cliff, reaching far along the side of the mountain, sheer, forbidding, its bald face crossed by a rough, narrow pathway. By using this steep way the journey to the cluster of houses above the cliff was made much shorter than by following the gradual, winding ascent of the road.

The two friends turned in at old Andrew's little gate. At the door they were met by the farmer's wife, her sleeves rolled up to the elbows.

"Ah, John Martin and David! Back from the fair? Come in."

"Yes, Mary, on the way home. Where is Andrew? David here had a turn on the road coming along below, and we want Andrew to mix him something. The sun was too strong for him, I think."

"Yes, yes. Andrew! Andrew!" She raised her voice and called into the house over her shoulder. "Come in both of you! He is somewhere about. It is cool in the house at the shady side, and Dave can lie down there."

David cast one brief glance backward as he followed the others into the house. In the road just beyond the gate and looking over it stood the one that followed.

Old Andrew was held in high esteem among the mountain people as half doctor, half wizard, with his knowledge of the use of roots and herbs. He brewed a muddy, pungent tea, which David drank, and Mary, the wife, placed extra plates at the table and insisted on the travelers taking supper.

"Let David rest," she said, "and if he is better after supper you can go home in the evening by the short cut. There will be a moon, or he may stay the night if not strong enough to go home."

So it was arranged, [illegible] John talked [illegible] worn subjects of [illegible] poverty of [illegible] without [illegible] befall the [illegible]

The [illegible] was at the [illegible] cows from the [illegible] on. David answered absently, thinking of the waiting stranger outside the gate.

When the twilight fell the young man felt able to go on and was anxious to reach his family, so the two men set out along the path through the rocky fields. As they reached the base of "The Rocks" and began the steep ascent the moon rose.

[illegible]

There was no [illegible] miles [illegible] heard [illegible]

As they climbed David [illegible] the black cloak [illegible] cold, steady gaze. He could not leave it again. [illegible] climb above [illegible] glanced [illegible] the edge of the black cloak blown upward again [illegible]

He stopped and put his hands over his eyes. "Who are you?" he said in a low, broken voice. "Why do you follow, pressing nearer and nearer?"

And a voice answered at his ear, while the folds of the cloak blew upward, flapped about him: "You shall know my name when you are at the end of your journey."

"No, now!" whispered David hoarsely. "Now, your name!"

"Farther on!" came the voice. "When you reach the [illegible]"

And they climbed on again in the moonlight. John had gone round a turn of the path out of sight. David advanced feebly, [illegible] from step to step, pausing often. He could feel the cloak pressing up behind him, ever nearer.

When they reached the railing above, David stopped, with his hand upon it. "Now, your name!"

"Do you not know?"

The moonlight fell with tender beauty over the broad valley below, upon the white road, upon the forest trees, upon the small brown house at the foot of the cliff. The black cloak floated about his head, before his eyes, coming between them and the fair picture. A hand fell upon his, grasping the railing.

"Your name! Your name!"

David's hand closed firmly on the wooden rail, and he leaned heavily against it for support. An arm closed round him.

"I am so near, so near. Do you not know?"

There was a sharp sound of breaking wood as the rotten timber parted in two, and David fell outward, his struggling feet scraping along the rocks. As he fell the folds of black swept round him, the arm embraced him more closely, and they went down together. And David knew that the one that followed was Death.

Rebuking a Greedy Client.

A Philadelphia lawyer, long dead, who had a national reputation, having been honored with high positions of trust both at Washington and Harrisburg, was famous for his tremendous charges. One day a client for whom he had collected $1,500 called at his office to receive the money, and the lawyer handed him a check for $100. The client looked at it and remarked that the lawyer must have made a mistake and had given him the check which he meant to keep for his fee. "Let me look at the check," said the attorney, and, glancing over it, he declared that it was all right and no mistake had been made. The client kicked against a fee of $1,400 for collecting $1,500.

"Oh, well, if you want to be a hog about it take that," said the man of laws impatiently, and he wrote out another check. It was for $150, and with that the client had to be content, the lawyer pocketing $1,350.

The Arctic Weasel.

In cold countries where snow prevails during a long winter many of the animals change the hue of their coats to a white tint. The arctic bear and fox are white throughout the year. The northern hare is brown in summer and white in winter. The weasel is especially curious. It retains its brown coat until the first snow appears and then whitens in a few hours.

He Remembered.

Wife (revisiting the scene of her betrothal)—I remember, Algernon, so well when you proposed to me how painfully embarrassed you were.

Algernon—Yes, dear, and I remember so well how kind and encouraging you were and how easy you made it for me, after all.—Tit-Bits.

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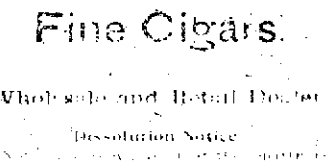

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Time Table—Taking effect Nov. 24, 1901.

TRAINS LEAVE SMETHPORT.

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday [illegible] a. m.
*Buffalo Mail daily except Sunday [illegible] p. m.
*Train leaving Smethport [illegible] at Olean with Chautauqua Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont

Train 122, weekdays, 10 55 a. m.
Train 1 6, weekdays, [illegible] p. m.

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south:

Train 121, weekdays, [illegible] a. m.
Train 123, weekdays, [illegible]

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCT EASTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 12, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., New York [illegible] p. m., Baltimore 6.00 p. m., Washington 7.15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

12:25 p. m.—Train 8, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and principal intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 7.32 p. m., New York 10.23 p. m., Baltimore 7.30 p. m., Washington 8.35 p. m. Vestibuled parlor cars and passenger coaches, Buffalo to Philadelphia and Washington.

8:23 p. m.—Train 6, daily for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:25 a. m., New York 7.30 a. m., Baltimore 2:30 a. m., Washington 4.05 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

10:30 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 7:22 a. m., New York 9.33 a. m., week days [illegible] Sundays [illegible] 7:15 a. m., Washington 8.30 a. m. [illegible] sleeping cars [illegible]

[illegible] a. m.—Train [illegible], daily for [illegible] Harrisburg and principal intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] New York 3.33 a. m. weekdays [illegible] days), Baltimore [illegible] Washington [illegible] a. m. Vestibuled Buffet sleeping cars and passenger coaches, Buffalo to Philadelphia and Washington.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 9, daily, for Erie, Ridgway and weekdays DuBois Clermont and intermediate stations.

10:20 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and weekdays for DuBois and intermediate stations.

6:20 p. m.—Train 61, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

Weekdays.

NORTH a. m. Lv.	STATIONS.	SOUTH Ar. p. m.
9 40	Ridgway	[illegible]
9 54	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
10 11	Glen Hazel	[illegible]
10 20	Instanter	[illegible]
10 25	Straight	[illegible]
10 31	Smith's Mill	[illegible]
10 35	Wilcox	[illegible]
10 45	Clermont	[illegible]
a. m.		a. m.

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at 11:48 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie 4:10 p. m. and at Ridgway with train 306 leaving Ridgway at 12:10 p. m. for DuBois, Red Bank, Pittsburg and intermediate points and train [illegible] leaving Ridgway at 4:20 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, [illegible]

B. B. & K. RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Eastern Standard Time

IN EFFECT NOV. 17, 1901.

SOUTHBOUND.

STATIONS	1	3	5	7	19
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Bradford...Leave	7 40	10 15	1 30	4 05	
Kinzua June	8 15	10 50	2 05	4 40	
Alton	8 20	10 55	2 10	4 45	
Davis	8 25	11 00	2 15	4 50	
Simpson	8 31	11 06	2 21	4 56	
Ormsby	8 40	11 15	2 30	5 05	
Smethport...Ar.	9 05	11 45	2 55	5 30	
" Lv.	8 10	10 40	1 55	4 30	
Mt. Jewett	9 10	11 30	3 10	5 35	
Kane...Ar	9 45	12 20	3 45	6 10	
" Lv.	9 45		4 30		
Nansen	10 15		5 07		
Sheffield June	10 38		5 30		
Marienville	11 20		6 15		
Tylersburg	12 00		6 56		
Lucinda	12 15		7 11		
West Clarion	12 40		7 35		6 00
Clarion June	12 45		7 38		6 04
Shippenville	1 00		7 53		6 19
Knox	1 18		8 13		6 32
St. Petersburg	1 57		8 54		7 16
Foxburg	2 10		9 08		7 30
Parker	2 25				7 40
Petrolia	2 52				8 07
Chicora	3 10				8 25
Butler	4 00				9 20
Callery June	4 25				9 45
Allegheny...Ar.	5 30				10 45
	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.

NORTHBOUND

STATIONS	2	4	6	8	20
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Allegheny...Lv.				7 30	3 20
Callery June				8 30	4 28
Butler				9 30	5 15
Chicora				10 10	5 54
Petrolia				10 28	6 13
Parker				10 55	6 40
Foxburg		4 35		11 15	7 00
St. Petersburg		4 50		11 30	7 15
Knox		5 35		12 15	8 00
Shippenville		5 52		12 32	8 18
Clarion June		6 04		12 45	8 30
West Clarion		6 07		12 48	8 33
Lucinda		6 30		1 15	
Tylersburg		6 48		1 34	
Marienville		7 32		2 15	
Sheffield June		8 17		3 00	
Nansen		8 37		3 20	
Kane...Ar.		9 15		3 55	
" Lv.	7 35	10 10	1 25	4 00	
Mt. Jewett	8 10	10 45	2 00	4 35	
Ormsby	8 40	11 15	2 30	5 05	
Smethport...Ar.	9 05	11 45	2 55	5 30	
" Lv.	8 10	10 40	1 55	4 30	
Simpson	8 49	11 24	2 39	5 14	
Davis	8 55	11 30	2 45	5 20	
Alton	9 00	11 35	2 50	5 25	
Kinzua June	9 05	11 40	2 55	5 30	
Bradford...Ar.	9 40	12 10	3 25	6 00	
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.

Trains 2 and 7 run daily between Bradford, Smethport and Kane. All other trains daily except Sunday.

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The Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern R. R.

Time Table No. 14. Passenger Train Schedule Effective Saturday Aug. 3, 1901.

MT. JEWETT & SMETHPORT DIV.

p.m.	p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
5.00	1.10	8.10	lv. Mt. Jewett ar.	8.56	12.30	4.50
5.21	1.50	8.31	Hazelhurst	7.36	12.07	4.30
5.29	2.03	8.37	f Marvindale	7.29	11.40	4.19
5.32	2.10	8.40	f Rasson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
5.37	2.17	8.47	f Comes	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6.04	2.30	8.55 9.14	Smethport	7.10 p.m. 7.15	11.10	4.00
6.07	2.43	9.27	f Farmers Valley	7.08	10.58	3.45
6.14	2.49	9.34	Coryville	6.56	10.51	3.21
6.20	2.55	9.40	Larabee	6.50	10.45	3.15

SHAWMUT DIVISION.

SOUTHWARD Read down			STATIONS & SIDINGS	NORTHWARD Read up	
PM	AM			PM	AM
7.40	11.30		Clermont	7.00	8.55
7.29	11.52		Wellendorf	6.28	[illegible]
8.12	12.04		Windwood	6.40	[illegible]
8.22	12.19		North Fork	5.52	[illegible]
8.29	12.28		Bear [illegible]	5.26	[illegible]
8.47	12.50	AM 7.35	St. Marys	4.50 11.02	[illegible]
9.07	2.0				
	2.52	7.40	Buhl	11.00	[illegible]
	12.17	[illegible]	Paine	10.34	[illegible]
	5.21	8.08	Kersey	10.29	[illegible]
	4.00	8.46	Elbon	10.20	[illegible]
	4.15	8.50	Hyde	9.56	[illegible]
AM				PM	AM
	[illegible]		St. Marys	[illegible]	
8.35	6.50		Paine	[illegible]	[illegible]
8.35	7.00		Byrnedale	[illegible]	[illegible]
8.40	7.95		Weedville	[illegible]	[illegible]

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COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, taking effect Monday Mch. 18, 1901.

[illegible]

† Flag Station. [illegible]

[illegible]

Kushequa Route.

In Effect May [illegible]

Leave [illegible] for Smethport [illegible]

[illegible]

Leave Smethport for Mt. Jewett [illegible]

[illegible]

Leave Mt. Jewett for Smethport 8 05 a. m. [illegible]

[illegible] Sup't.

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